

## **Prairie Rivers Network**

### **Comments on Grassroots Education Funding**

Please accept these brief comments on behalf of Prairie Rivers Network regarding organizational qualification for grassroots education funding.

Q: Should grassroots education organizations qualify based on the definition of community groups in 8.6.2 of the plan?

Q: Or should it be based on the definition of nonprofit/public sector critical service providers as defined in nonprofit/public sector sub-program?

Response:

In the interest of meeting programmatic goals regarding geographic, stakeholder and issue diversity (particularly in downstate, less populated areas) both of these types of organizations should be permitted to apply for these funds. We also suggest that you expand organizational qualification to those organizations that currently or historically have worked with "community groups" or "nonprofit/public sector critical service providers" as well as those organizations that plan to partner with either of these types of groups for purposes of carrying out a well-developed, specific and robust campaign plan.